

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (New) A method of assembling the elements of a structure based on a plastic transparent to laser radiation, comprising a cellular honeycomb core and two skins on either side of the core, perpendicular to the walls of the cells, in which at least one of the skins and the core are assembled by welding using laser radiation, and at least one of the elements to be assembled comprises, in the vicinity of at least one part of its surface, a layer that at least partly absorbs the laser radiation, the welding taking place by the melting of this layer by means of the laser radiation in the weld zones.

10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the plastic is a PP or a PVC.

11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the elements to be welded by means of the laser radiation further include the cells of the core and wherein the latter is obtained by the thermoforming and folding of a plastic sheet, the laser-radiation-absorbent layer of which is located on either side of this sheet.

12. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the core is obtained by a continuous manufacturing process and wherein the welding of the skins by means of the laser radiation takes place in line with this manufacturing process.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the continuous process for manufacturing the core is an extrusion process and wherein the laser-radiation-absorbent layer is located on only one face of each of the two skins.

14. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the continuous process for manufacturing the core is a process involving the thermoforming and folding of a sheet that includes, on either side, the laser-radiation-absorbent layer in order to form unwelded cells ; wherein the unwelded cells are assembled by welding using the laser radiation and wherein the two skins do not contain the radiation-absorbent layer.

15. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the continuous process for manufacturing the core is a process involving the thermoforming and folding of a sheet in order to form unwelded cells ; wherein the cells remain unwelded but are optionally assembled by bonding using a solvent-free adhesive applied by coating the surface of the sheet in the zones to be bonded and wherein the laser-radiation-absorbent layer is located on only one face of each of the two skins.

16. (New) The method according claim 9, wherein the skins are uniaxially or biaxially oriented.